

Horton H. Hobbs, Jr.

(1)

39920.0 at Gainesville -  
Baltins Service Station -  
Leaving at 2:05 P.M.

Blount 7 miles  
east of Perry - (Blount Blount  
Lumber at this same place)  
Reached Perry at 5:15 -

8:15 am left Perry  
for - O. with  
John & Mary at Perry.  
Left at 11:25.  
(to be continued)

Left Perry day left for the  
Bla. to breakfast there

Saturday - Hal Church  
Bla. - left at 1:00 -

Saturday night -

to be continued

Crotellia atrop. Sm. N. S. L.  
Madagascar

Sunday morning - breakfast  
in a cafe in Houston - raining  
hard - Lunch 8 mi W. of <sup>W. of</sup> left  
left at 2:15 - dinner 20 miles  
east of San Antonio (I am not)  
Rode all night (between Laredo  
and Brownsville - numerous jack  
rabbits, deer, a few cotton-tails.  
moonlight - Arrived in Laredo about 4:30 <sup>P.M.</sup>

Monday morning - had break-  
fast a few miles north of  
Laredo. AAA office - permit.  
Insurance, and money change.  
to Comalate. at noon <sup>1:00 P.M.</sup> on  
International Bridge - had to  
wait until 4:00 to get gun  
permit - Marge Butler and I  
visited the canyon shops -  
Had lunch on main street  
in town just across street  
from the Customs. Bought  
carn an corner from Mexican

Left at 4:00 came south to  
Sabine Hidalgo - about dark then



out to ...  
 Ojo de agua - a warm ...  
 which ...  
 transporter. Large aqueduct -  
 house built, fair - later ...  
 to ... "lati"  
 at night. Collected -

Tuesday, December 17, 1940.

Left at 8:00 in ...  
 collected in warm spring -  
 ... - 2:30 - Left camp  
 about 4:00 - Arrived at ...  
 Terry about 5:30. (Mountain,  
 Arc of Rock, Lumber & Light.)  
 Had dinner at ... - excellent  
 meal - mango, ... (lettuce,  
 tomato, ...), ...  
 rice, ...  
 Shopped at market. Left about  
 8:30 and camped at San  
 Pedro - along San Pedro Creek -

615.9  
10.5

12-1840-1 (41513.1) at 11:00

at 7:30 - 211 at 11:00

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41553.2 - Kaitia

41511.1 (41511.1) at 12:25

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41673.3 Victoria - 6.0m

183 Tropical

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Broke fast at 7:30 - went  
 San Carlos 10 miles. Road  
 to the La Jima river  
 creek. 10 miles south of  
 El Paso - about 2:30 p.m.  
 left - about 4:30 p.m. left  
 at mouth of La Jima  
 river - at El Paso about 2:30  
 Had dinner at 3:30 p.m.  
 at El Paso - about 4:30 p.m.

Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>





Friday.

Got up at 6:15 - driving  
rain - jacked in dry-fog  
weather - got away about 9:30 -  
rode in showers and clouds  
until about 2:30 where we  
stopped at Jalapa (one of the  
most striking views on the  
whole trip - see the town several  
miles before reaching it)  
Had black bean soup. ~~Latimer~~  
for lunch. After lunch  
we road until about 5:30  
still in rain & clouds to  
Zimapan. Stopped about 8:30  
fixed supper. ~~Coded~~ until  
11:30 to Mexico City - (Gave out of  
gas - carburetor acted up) Had  
extra gas in car - no trouble -  
Slept in Butler Repair's yard -  
Had breakfast with them on  
Saturday morning -

12-2040-1

Same as 12-1940-3  
next morning.

H1899. Paltila - Camp Thure. <sup>cont</sup>  
Taken from among the  
rocks, near shore in the quieter  
water. mayflies abundant in  
the very swift reaches. Snails  
were particularly abundant.  
Stream flowing through a  
tropical terrain - lianas  
ferns, orchids, air plants -

12-2140-1

Mexico City.

Isopods & Spiders taken  
from field, under stones  
in edge of city -

Young Bruce Hobbs.

Saturday, Morning Dec 21, 1940.  
Mexico City —

Got up about 8:00 A.M. Had  
breakfast at the McNair —  
Billy, Archie & Beck went to town  
to get car fixed — she rest at home  
went home back riding or walked —

Left McNair's about 1:PM.  
Drove toward Veracruz —  
Had lunch in a native cafe —  
(soup & Enchiladas, tortilla, bread —  
egg & yellow rice, beans & fried  
torte. & coffee — (15¢)) Rode  
about 12 miles South of  
Mexico City had puncture  
turned back — took the re-  
mainder of the afternoon to  
find a place to have the tire  
fixed — Marg. Stem. & I went  
shopping — saw the snow  
capped — "Popocatepetl" and "the  
sleeping lady" — Rode all  
around Mexico City — Left  
at 4:30 at —

42268 *Rhynchospora* sp.

7 miles N. of Rio Juan.

42261.8 - Camped Sat. Nite.

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42369.0 - Lunch - Between Du Hachet  
could see *Orizaba*

12-2240-1 *Cordia*  
Veracruz, Mexico

*Patera* - A small  
about 50 yards from Hacienda  
*Patera* - Mr. Forbes place.  
Small moderate murky creek.

12-2340-1

4 miles N. of *Patera* -  
small stream flooded running  
through tropical forest. With  
thick silt - short clear  
water. Taken in water  
under fallen stones. Silty  
stream.

Monday -

Camp in the north of the Rio Grande - The tree and heavy frost when we woke up - The temperature and sleeping bag - excellent view. Left camp about 8:30. (See p. 10)

Had lunch between Puebla and Puebla - then came behind my <sup>drooping</sup> motioning we were stopped at ~~San Juan~~ and found that left hand trees were cut off - Road is good - it was a very deep cut in a cut - Saw large swimming pool and lake. Made the ~~road~~ from the plateau down to Cuicila. Arrived there just about dark - on to Cuicila and out to San Juan. Hacienda most pleasant welcome & ~~regeneration~~ ~~improvement~~ about 2:30. Had supper - The horses came out & talked with ~~me~~ ~~him~~ ~~wife~~ - Gave me a quart of Patate Run -

(11) Crayfish -

12.2240-2

12.2240-1

Crab and crayfish trace  
to beneath rocks. In  
burrows - some burrows  
may be connected  
with stream.

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I had bag canache - went  
to bed -

Monday Morning Dec. 23, 1940

Got out of bed about

7:00 AM - Split into parties -  
Marchant, Kelly, Drane, Bert,  
Chable and I went down to  
The Atayac River - (4 miles walk)  
Thru slash. Along down  
road used by the cane growers  
to haul (by ox carts) the cut  
sugar cane) until we went up  
and across cane patch until  
came within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of the  
river - there in coffee region  
caught *lingards* - <sup>small</sup> *cutis ante-*  
*parachaites*, other colorful  
birds - butterflies - very  
luxuriant foliage - orchids,  
lianas, bromeliads -  
Native women washing clothes  
see nude - Went up stream  
collected shrimp, snails -

12-2440-2

One mile east of Hacienda Patreco. Small pond covered with bladderwort - Ostracods from edge of pond - leaves massive emulsion - Snails, limpets also taken -

12-2440-3.

Ojo de agua.

4 kil. W, NW. of Patreco -

A cane up trail to right. Spring flowing from mountain -

At mouth vegetation - Water where crayfish taken about 4 inches deep - Small pools connected by shallow narrows. Near The Caldera -

12-2440-4

Snails taken from Caldera - 4 kil. W. N.W. of Patreco - About  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down under rotten logs. Elongate.



the mayflies. Took a  
much needed cold bath -  
Marian, Bill, Bert and  
Charles went up on the site  
with an old Italian who  
has lived here for many  
years. He told us to  
keep chasing till the  
water is clear and  
then the fish will  
come out. We stayed  
till dark and then  
went home.

After waiting all morning  
the lake felt as the  
fishing about 5:00 p.m.  
Had lunch - went down to  
the lake & stayed till 10  
o'clock. Crayfish & minnows  
returned. Finally before dark.

The lake is very small - with  
a few small fish. The water  
is very clear, and the  
minnows are very active.

ones taken from banana  
trees.

(Postal Address)

Hacienda Potreros Viejo -

Baraje Nuevo

Ver, Mexico -

C. Rodriguez

La Caldera

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12-2440-5

Atayac River - Went to  
river late at night. Saw several  
large shrimp clumsily crawling  
over bottom of stream among  
rocks. taken in dip net

12-2540-1

Mitlac - On border of  
very swift stream - mayflies  
and spiders. Late in C.M.  
just before dark. They emerge  
from rapids by the thousand  
ands - Spiders rare

Cont. from pg. 7 -

Indian came in camp -  
offered work - had breakfast  
with us. 2nd picture  
taken with dog and pig &  
American cigarettes -

Coming into Quebla - 11:15 -  
a policeman stopped us.  
Billy & Marge waving front.  
sent the policeman to back -  
Aid - "Who is Dr. Carr?"  
- "This is he" -

Aid - "A little bit for him  
is all right - not have to!"  
Carr - "What is it that he wants?"

- to policeman -

Policeman - Un poco dinero  
es nada mas, no es necesario.

Arona gave him a  
piece and we went on our  
way -

very strong wind was  
up. tent moved  
constantly -

12-2640-1

Nittas - same as  
12-2640-1. Mayflies, stoneflies -  
Taken from very swift stream -  
beneath stones. Origin of stream  
in snowfield of Orizaba - very  
cold water -

12-2640-2

Nittas - Under stones  
in damp place ground on  
side of the road - a very  
small stream on snowfield.  
Under stones

12-2640-3

Nittas - Under log - a very  
small stream.

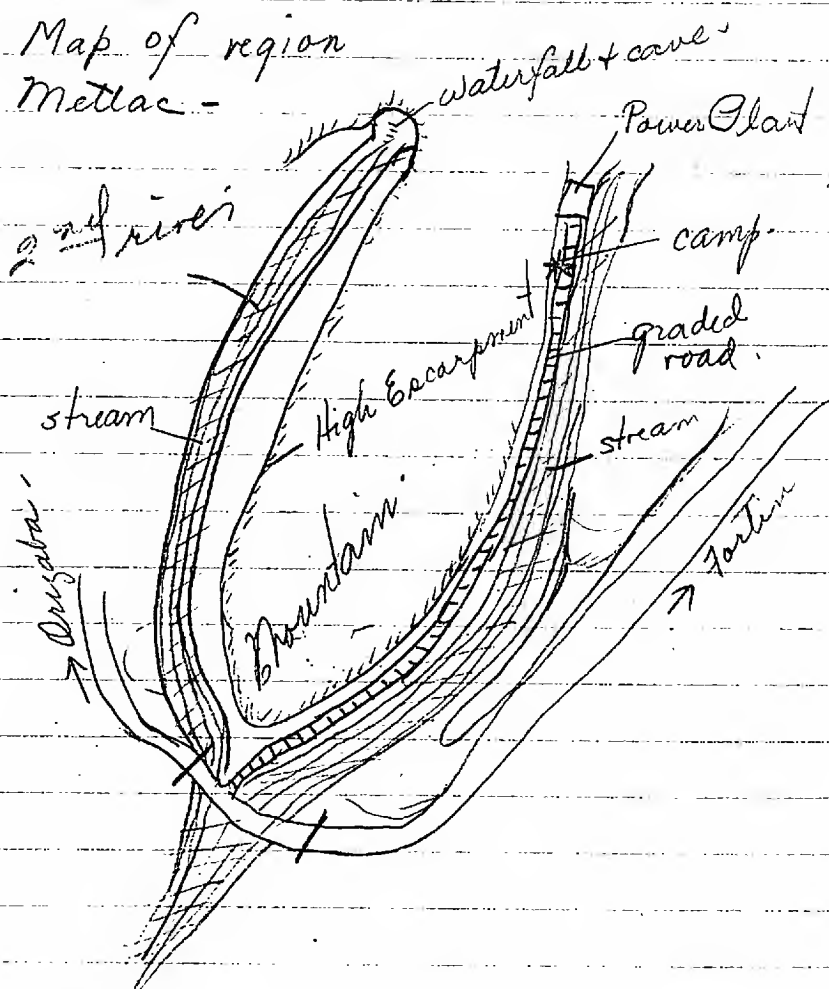


12-2640-4.

On west side of escarpment  
at Metlac - Isopods, spiders,  
snails taken from Bromeliad  
plants.

Map of region

Metlac -



Climate of the day was  
when Billy, George, Earl  
and Rodriguez came in  
bringing numerous live  
Salamanders, a fanda and  
a new species of white crayfish.

The turkey did not arrive  
Marge came and I got a  
meal together - After supper  
we had rum (present from  
Mr. Jarboe) sang Christmas  
carols - and since a lot of  
newcomers who had gathered  
in square -

After the sing. I was out  
for a walk Mr. Forbes'  
ford - rode to the river over  
about 10 miles and in a quick  
caught several shrimp -  
(two species)

12-2740-1

Half Way Water House in  
Cumbria.

12-3140-1 *Ison antipar, Mex*

1st taken at m. 11.1  
since - 8:30 - 10:00 - Class  
in drying river bed - 11.0  
Caballero. Rock in

much time - clear, warm  
water - 729 Km. north of  
Mexico City

Dayton (44 026.0)

1-241-1 (44 012.6)

Houston, Texas<sup>7.4</sup>

Taken from shallow  
roadside ditch among  
vegetation - mostly dead sage-  
lying in water - About 15  
mi. E. of Houston on Hwy #90



Send picture to:

Nafario Flores Acuña

Rio Aris

Estado de Mexico

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Tuesday Dec. 31, 1940

Arrived at Juarez at 8:30. Spent the morning shopping - Stopped at Rio Frio for lunch - Had supper at Victoria - Road all night - ~~Went~~ Had breakfast at the Cuernavaca near Monterey - Had flat tire there. At lunch in truck while riding - stopped at Monterey - Got to Nuevo Laredo about 6:00 P.M. Had supper out (Chicken Enchiladas). Got thru customs (before we stopped) came to Laredo about 8:00. Had flat tire. Went out and had chocolate milk. Left here (Laredo) around 10:00 P.M.

Thursday, Jan 2, 1940.

Rode to Corpus Christi  
State park. arrived about  
3:30 A.M. Left at about  
10:00 AM. Had lunch in  
car - Rode until about 7:30  
Had dinner near Dayton.  
Rode all night.

Friday, Jan 3, 1940

Came thru Baton Rouge.  
Had breakfast several miles  
east of. Had lunch riding  
about 6-16 miles E. of Shidell.



U. m. m. m.

Wednesday - Dec 25, 1940

Got up about 8:30 -  
Packed truck. Frank and I took a guide (accompanied by three other Mexican boys) to show us La Caldera and Ojo de Agua. Guide became confused - led us thru fields of high grass - ditches etc. - finally took us into the jungle and finally to the headwaters of the Atayac which gushes from a cave.

Started back at 1:30 - to meet the gang before they left Hacienda Patasco. Had already walked 5-6 miles - gave up idea of getting to La Caldera - Got back about 2 miles - rode on a truck back to Hacienda - The folks had left us - We took a bus (what a bus) to Cordoba - then took another over crowded bus to

1-341-1

4 mi E. Slidell Road  
side ditch. Taken in dip  
net. flatwoods.

In Hac. Then a 1 mile  
 walk to camp - (Much  
 difficulty with Spanish)  
 Had bath (lovely creek)  
 Then Christmas dinner  
 turkey, dressing, broccoli,  
 lettuce, rice, apple sauce,  
 bread, coffee, desert (cake)  
 and rum -

Collected a while -  
 Went to bed. Strongest wind  
 storm in 50 years - Tents  
 swayed. Limbs, trees fell -  
 Banana trees torn to shreds -  
not one drop of rain - air alternating  
 between hot & cold -

Thursday, December 26, 1940

Got up about 9: AM. One  
 group went out collecting -  
 I stayed in camp - Later Mr  
 & Mrs Farber came over to  
 see how we weathered the  
 storm. Their place suffered

terribly - Had some corn beef  
frijoles & turkey soup, tea  
for lunch - Cooked for  
several hours. At three  
Marchand and I went out for  
the cave & headwaters of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> river - Walked thru  
thick underbrush storm had  
broken down trees everywhere  
Got into nettle trees & bushes  
ate sweet lemon (awful) After  
about 2 hours reached the  
headwaters Beautiful, large  
trees etc.



Escarpment!

Room 40 yds deep -  
water fell from  
roof on a fall of  
about 40 feet. Series  
of falls below opening.  
Opening high on Escarpment.

(over)



On way to camp met  
Mary... George... &  
... in truck going to  
... for groceries went  
with them - when we got  
back to camp Arthur & David  
had been a picnic which  
they do a lot. Then high-  
an excursion - speed another  
Bill... up the cliff - given plenty of  
singing from Archie behind -  
lost that afternoon.

Friday, Dec 27, 1940.

Left camp at Mictlac at  
about 8:30 - Stopped for a  
couple of hours at Orizaba -  
an excellent native market.  
Up the Cumbre - Had lunch  
at the Halfway water house -  
Excellent view - collected some  
crayfishes.

Stopped at an old Hacienda

at 224k - Archie & Billy followed by Brudon. and Beck and Bert scined for Axolotls and turtles - excellent luck -

Went on to Puebla. had supper - Sherp sick - Camped near Rio Tiro under Popo & sleeping lady - Cold - water buckets froze -

Saturday, Dec 28, 1940.

Got up early - Cold as the dickens - Lots of tourists stopped - Drove to Rio Tiro " for 1 1/2 hrs - collecting - Arch., Marge, Frank <sup>Chot</sup> went up into the mts - faint from oxygen shortage. Marchand and I attempted to catch crayfish, failed. On to Mexico city - ate lunch just below the pass - much argument about sleeping lady - Arrived in

Mexico City about 4:30 -  
went to the McKim's for mail.  
Had a time finding the  
McKim's - All had hot showers  
and went to town about 6:45.  
Shopped until 10:00 - had  
mexican supper - Archie, Marge,  
Beck, Joir & I came home  
The rest of the gang went to a  
Chicago burlesque - Slurp's  
dance. They got in at 2:00  
We slept in the McKim's  
play room in basement -

Sunday Dec 29, 1940

Did not get up until 10:00  
Had a delicious breakfast  
with the McKims - Went to  
the floating gardens - Lake  
Xochimilco - to the English Club -  
Caracing <sup>Premier</sup> - Company Ruth McKim,  
Jean Pattiefield - Came back  
by market - Back to the  
McKims for supper -

(Tamali pie, frijoles, fried tortillas, plain tortillas, mixed veg. salad, jilly, jam, hot rolls, beer, hot beer, Coca-Cola, plum pudding, Candies -) Had a dance -

Monday - December 30, 1940

Got up at 5 o'clock at the Motins. All of us went to the Pyramids. Marge Archie and I went in the motion car - Ruth with the others in the truck - Climbed the temple of the sun - Tunnels & Amphitheater. Left them at 11:30. Had lunch at Colonia Plattine. Had a snack at Tlapapan. There met Kendall. Just before we left saw a head Laundry - went in Catholic church. Had supper at Jacala. Coke all night - arrived in U. Juarez at 8:30.

Mario Rodriguez —  
Chapingo, Mexico. —